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have been sent to the pesthouse, and 1 in a white man who is cared for at his home 3 miles in the country.

Five cases were discovered yesterday in railroad hands at Hurricane Bayou, 15 miles northeast from here. These will be cared for at a camp by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox on the British steamship Belgic.*

NATIONAL QUARANTINE STATION,  
Angel Island, Cal., March 23, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the British steamship *Belgic*, from Chinese and Japanese ports via Honolulu, arrived March 21, reporting a case of confluent smallpox in the pustular stage, disembarked at Yokohama. The patient was a Chinese steerage passenger from Hong-kong.

Dr. Stuart Eldridge, our sanitary inspector at Yokohama, sent a note accompanying the bill of health, explaining the facts, and stating that on account of the lack of facilities the necessary precautions required by our regulations could not be taken. All well upon arrival here, eighteen days after the case was disembarked.

The cabin and second-cabin passengers were released. The vessel was given a general disinfection. All the Chinese and Japanese (86) of the crew were bathed and their effects disinfected. The steerage passengers (176) were similarly treated, and will be held a few days under observation, awaiting developments.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. ROSENAU,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Two cases of smallpox at Little Rock, Ark.*

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 31, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to supplement my telegram of this date with the following report of the 2 cases of smallpox in this city.

The first case, that of a negro man 23 years of age, a resident of this place, developed fourteen days since, and up to yesterday was treated for chicken pox. He has not been out of this city recently, and the source of contagion has not been ascertained.

The second case, negro man aged 21 years, occurred four days after the first, and was until yesterday regarded as chicken pox. While the cases are in the same part of town, there is no evidence that they were ever together, or contracted the disease from a common source. On account of the mistaken diagnosis, the friends of the men affected visited them without restraint, and perhaps as many as 150 persons have been exposed.

The city board of health has taken charge of the situation, removed the 2 cases to a pesthouse outside the city, and are doing all they can to control the disease.

Very respectfully,

L. P. GIBSON,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.